

Introduced by Senator Maldonado

February 19, 2008

An act to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 115810) to Chapter 4 of Part 10 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to synthetic turf.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1277, as introduced, Maldonado. Synthetic turf.

Existing law requires all new playgrounds open to the public built by a public agency or any other entity to conform to the playground-related standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the playground-related guidelines set forth by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.

This bill would prohibit a person from installing synthetic turf, as defined, on an athletic playing field within the boundaries of a public or private school or public recreational park unless and until the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has prepared a site specific environmental impact report on this installation. The bill would also require, on or before June 30, 2009, the State Department of Public Health to prepare and make available to the public a health study on the use of crumb rubber within synthetic turf.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Article 3 (commencing with Section 115810) is
- 2 added to Chapter 4 of Part 10 of Division 104 of the Health and
- 3 Safety Code, to read:

Article 3. Synthetic Turf

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3 115810. (a) No person shall install synthetic turf on an athletic
4 playing field within the boundaries of a public or private school
5 or public recreational park unless and until the Office of
6 Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has prepared a site
7 specific environmental impact report on this use or installation.
8 (b) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall apply:
9 (1) “Crumb rubber” means ground rubber derived from waste
10 tires and includes acetone, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead
11 vanadium, or zinc.
12 (2) “Synthetic turf” means any composition material that
13 includes crumb rubber used to cover or surface an athletic field as
14 an alternative to grass.
15 SEC. 2. On or before June 30, 2009, the State Department of
16 Public Health shall prepare and make available to the public a
17 health study on the use of crumb rubber within synthetic turf.